

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1177

By Grills

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Leigh Wilkerson on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Dyer County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Leigh Wilkerson is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilkerson has recently been named Teacher of the Year at Dyer County High School (DCHS), a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Baptist School of Nursing, Leigh Wilkerson has been a registered nurse for twenty-eight years, mainly working in critical care but occasionally in hospice care; and

WHEREAS, seeking a change in career, she began teaching Health Science/Nursing Education at DCHS in 2017 and obtained her teacher certification during her first year there; and

WHEREAS, active as one of the HOSA advisors at DCHS, Ms. Wilkerson continues to work part time as a nurse in the Critical Care Unit at Union City's Baptist Hospital; and

WHEREAS, her many professional achievements aside, she is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Pete, and their daughters, Savannah, Gracie, and Maddie Claire; and

WHEREAS, Leigh Wilkerson is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilkerson serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Leigh Wilkerson truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Leigh Wilkerson on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Dyer County High School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.